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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

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| 3 p.m. | 40th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |
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1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon.
 2. Address by Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
 3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [22]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/297 and Add.1);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.5/Rev.1).
 4. Universal Congress on the Panama Canal [28]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/281);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.4).

United Nations Day Observance

This year's United Nations Day observance will be held *today*, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. sharp in the General Assembly Hall. Children from different parts of the world will participate in the hour-long programme through a video conference. The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will address the gathering.

Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and United Nations staff are invited to attend the programme.

5. Observer status for the International Seabed Authority in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/51/L.2) [160].
6. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters [36]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/263);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.3).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security items:

Agenda items [60] (A/51/27, 208-S/1996/543, 1017-S/1996/632); [61] (A/51/179, 209); [62]; [63]; [64]; [65]; [66] (A/51/27, 123, 127, 131, 163, 167, 174, 208-S/1996/543, 262, 412, A/C.1/51/4, 5, 8); [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286); [68] (A/51/176); [69] (A/51/27, 163, 262); [70] (A/51/27, 262); [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136, 137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/621, 279, 300 and Add.1, 313, 323, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, A/C.1/51/7, 10, 11, 12); [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445); [73] (A/51/27, 42, 86-S/1996/216, 137, 175, 182, 346-S/1996/740, 352, 364, A/C.1/51/L.1); [74] (A/51/446); [75] (A/51/139, 254); [76] (A/51/210, 230 and Corr.1); [77] (A/51/29); [78]; [79] (A/51/117-S/1996/290, 151); [80] (A/C.1/51/L.2); [81] (A/51/60-S/1996/62, 89, 137, 202-S/1996/537, 318-S/1996/706, 351-S/1996/744, 401-S/1996/782, 461-S/1996/830)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
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Environment and sustainable development [97] (A/51/3 (Part II), A/51/87, A/51/131, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/211-S/1996/551, A/51/295, A/51/357, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/375, A/C.2/51/5)

- (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/51/3 (Part II), A/51/76, A/51/76/Add.1, A/51/510)

- (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/51/420)

Conclusion of general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning) (A/51/16 (Part II), A/51/6 (Prog. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18), A/C.2/51/3)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Advancement of women [103] (A/51/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/38, A/51/90, A/51/180, A/51/210, A/51/277 and Corr.1, A/51/309, A/51/325, A/51/391)

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/51/90, A/51/210, A/51/322)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116] (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [118] (A/51/32, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/51/125)

Continuation of general discussion

Informal consultations

Morning*-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/51/2 and A/51/475))

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 136 (Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (A/50/712/Add.1-3 and A/51/474))

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

[Drafting Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (17th meeting)]

Morning*-
1 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 1

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (13th and 14th meetings)]

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Drafting Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 138th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
2. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations: death and disability benefits

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Room DC1-778

2.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Room DC1-778

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Informal consultations

An informal consultation of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the Bureau of the Commission today, 24 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The consultation will continue consideration of the plans for the forty-first session, in accordance with the Commission's agreed conclusions 1996/1. Background papers on this issue have been prepared by the Secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and these will be available at the offices of the Division (DC2-1250).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Thursday, 24 October 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-
10 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

2 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

GROUP OF 77
*(Second Committee matters: item 114
(Programme planning))*

9.30 a.m.-
10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room B

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and
Social Council
Chamber

UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room D

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room D

GROUP OF 77 *(Second Committee matters: desertification and natural disaster reduction)*

4 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

GROUP OF 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

4.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

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GROUP OF 77
*(Second Committee matters: operational
activities for development: World Summit for
Children; protection of global climate for present
and future generations of mankind; and implementation
of the Convention on Biodiversity)*

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room B

The NGO Committee on Disarmament, in cooperation with the Centre for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Public Information, will hold the third day of its three-day Conference on the theme "Disarmament Week 1996: Critical Discussions" today, 24 October 1996, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. There will be panel discussions on "The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: Implementation", from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and on "Civil Strife: Light Weapons and Land Mines" from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the three draft resolutions relating to agenda item 24 (Law of the Sea) *today*, 24 October 1996, starting at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 3*. From 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., the informal consultations will discuss the two resolutions on fisheries issues namely: (i) Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (agenda item 24 (b)); and (ii) Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards (agenda item 24 (c)). From 4.30 p.m., the consultations will discuss the draft resolution on the Law of the Sea (agenda item 24 (a)).

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of Peace Through Practical Disarmament Measures" *today*, 24 October 1996, from 9.45 a.m. to 11 a.m. in *Conference Room C*.

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on anti-personnel landmines *today*, 24 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Regional Disarmament" *today*, 24 October 1996, at 4 p.m. in *Conference Room B*.

Forum

The Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme and the African Amicale will host a Forum on "African Perspectives of the Security Council" *today*, 24 October 1996, from 12.45 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to mark United Nations Day. The Forum will be moderated by a Permanent Representative. The panelists will be representatives of African Member States who are currently, or who have been, members of the Security Council. Introductory remarks by the panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer period and an open discussion. Members of delegations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, accredited medias, non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 25 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.

41st PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [29]:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/402);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.6).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

[Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (15th and 16th meetings)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take action on the following draft resolutions and draft decision relating to agenda items 19, 88 and 91 on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3: Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [88] (A/51/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII, para. 8); Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [91] (A/C.4/51/L.6); Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]: (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/51/L.4); (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/51/L.5); (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part V), chap. IX, para. 32); (d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part VII), chap. XI, para. 11).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).

SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meetings of the Second Committee

Mr. Mauricio de Maria y Campos, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on industrial development cooperation (agenda item 95 (a)), on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Mr. Wally N'Dow, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), will hold an informal executive briefing for delegations on Habitat Agenda (agenda item 96 (e)) on Monday, 28 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold informal consultations on items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women) on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (I)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)
3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)
4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*
5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))
6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)
7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

* To be issued.

The Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet on 28 and 29 October 1996 in Conference Room 6.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1997* on Thursday, 31 October 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) (*briefing by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD and other matters*) on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) on Tuesday, 29 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, to review the progress to date.

There will be a closed meeting of the Women's International Forum on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced). A panel consisting of H.E. Mr. R. Butler, Permanent Representative of Australia, H.E. Mr. C. Amorim, Permanent Representative of Brazil, and Mr. Rolf Ekeus, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Special Commission, will discuss the theme "Reversing History's Greatest Accident: The Canberra Commission Report on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons". All staff members are invited. Participants are asked to be seated at 10.45 a.m.

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Objective Information on Military Matters, including Transparency of Military Expenditures" on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors (and potential co-sponsors) of the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in Disarmament" on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal meetings

There will be a CTBT informal meeting (open-ended) on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to discuss the following subjects: (a) Provisional Technical Secretariat; and (b) Working Group B (working programme).

Presentations

There will be a presentation by the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Federico Mayor, on "Towards a Culture of Peace" (in conjunction with agenda item 110 (b)) on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the States most affected by the worldwide landmine crisis to discuss the First Committee draft resolution entitled "An International Agreement to Ban Anti-personnel Landmines" on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

A presentation on the theme "Practical Implementation of the Habitat Agenda via Internet", organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, will be held on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Briefings

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold an informal briefing on Friday, 25 October 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, and Mrs. Sally Cowal, Director of External Relations on UNAIDS, will give a briefing on the major issues and latest developments of UNAIDS. All interested delegations, United Nations Programmes and specialized agencies are invited to attend.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, will hold a briefing on recent developments in the human rights programme on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All delegations of Member States are invited to attend.

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on "Our Creative Diversity" (Report of the Pérez de Cuellar Commission on Culture and Development), in conjunction with agenda item 96 (g), on Tuesday, 29 October 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

United Nations Development Programme*1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture*

Mr. Robert Kuttner, founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Policy Institute, Washington, founder and Co-editor of *The American Prospect*, contributing columnist to *Business Week*, syndicated columnist of *The Boston Globe*, author, and recipient of awards for excellence in business and financial journalism, will deliver the 1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture, on the subject "Global Competitiveness and Human Development: Allies or Adversaries?" on Friday, 1 November 1996, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Permanent Representatives, members of delegations to the United Nations, representatives of the private sector, including financial institutions, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, media, academia, and United Nations staff are invited to attend.

Announcement

The Economic and Social Council wishes to invite delegations, Secretariat staff and all interested colleagues to a gathering in memory of Mr. Goran Ohlin, former Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis, on Monday, 28 October 1996, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at 3 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

13th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [97]

- (a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*
- (b) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

The Committee continued consideration of item 97 (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Guyana, Kenya, Ghana, the Holy See, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Switzerland, Brazil and Colombia.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development responded to the statements made by delegates.

14th meeting

The Committee continued consideration of items 97 (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Lebanon, Nepal, Slovenia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Romania, Norway, Senegal, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and Bulgaria.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 (b) was Thursday, 24 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

11th meeting

Programme Planning [114]

The Committee began its discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Colombia (on behalf of the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement), Cuba, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Venezuela, Ecuador, New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Costa Rica, South Africa, India, the United States, Japan, Panama, Uruguay, China, Colombia, Bolivia, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion of agenda item 114.

12th meeting

*Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]**International drug control [102]**Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158]*

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan), Myanmar, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus (also on behalf of Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cameroon, Norway, Indonesia, Poland, Nigeria and Burundi.

The Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna made concluding remarks under items 101 and 102.

Right of reply

The representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 101, 102 and 158.

Organization of work

The Chairperson informed delegations that the informal consultations on items 103 (Advancement of Women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Conference on Women) would take place on Friday, 25 October, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Chairperson also requested delegations to submit their views on item 114 by Thursday, 24 October.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

12th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda [136]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller presented the reports of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

A statement was made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Convention on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Fifty-eighth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1996

1535th and 1536th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Convention

The Committee considered a special report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (CCPR/C/117). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government, and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee in connection with the report.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Forty-third session

United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1996

880th plenary meeting

Other matters in the field of trade and development [8]

- (a) *Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-ninth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*

The Board took note of the report of UNCITRAL on the work of its twenty-ninth session which was before the Board in A/51/17, under cover of note by the UNCTAD secretariat TD/B/43/3.

- (b) *Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its twenty-ninth session*

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Francisco Forteza (Uruguay) introduced the report of the JAG on its twenty-ninth session which was before the Board in ITC/AG/XXIX/157 under cover of note by the UNCTAD secretariat TD/B/43/4.

The Board took note of the report.

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters
[9]

(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure

The President drew the attention of the Board to document TD/B/GO/IST/2 containing a list of IGOs in status with UNCTAD and informed the Board that there were no new applications at this current session.

Change in the name of an intergovernmental organization

The Board took note that the Grains Trade Convention, the International Wheat Council, an intergovernmental organization which had been granted status by the Board at its second session, had changed its name to the *International Grains Council*.

(c) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure

The President drew attention to document TD/B/NGO/IST/1 Addenda 1 and 2 containing a list of NGOs in status with UNCTAD. The attention of the Board was also drawn to applications from seven non-governmental organizations for inclusion by the Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the Board's rules of procedure. Background information on these organizations is contained in TD/B/43/R.1/Add.1-7.

In accordance with the terms of paragraph 12(a) of Board decision 43(VII), the Board granted status in the: *General category*: the World Wide Fund for Nature International (WWF) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.2); the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.3); World Vision International (WVI) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.4); the World Trade Centres Association (WTCA) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.5); the Institute for Scientific Cooperation with Developing Countries (ISICODEC) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.6); and the Global Traders Conference (GTC) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.7); *Special category*: the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) (TD/B/43/R.1/Add.1) to participate in the work of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities.

The President also informed the Board that, in conformity with the provisions of Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV, and after consultation with the Government of Belgium, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD had decided to enter in the Register of national non-governmental organizations the National Centre for Overseas Development (NCOS). [Background information on this organization was contained in document TD/B/43/L.1.]

The Board was also informed that, in order to bring the classification of non-governmental organizations in the special category into line with the new intergovernmental machinery in the light of the ninth session of the Conference, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD proposed to carry out consultations with the non-governmental organizations concerned to ascertain their wishes with regard to their participation in the new Commissions and to report to the Board at an executive session.

Changes in names of NGOs

The Board noted the change in names of the following non-governmental organizations which already enjoy status with UNCTAD: the Coordination Committee for the Textile Industries in the European Economic Community (COMITEXTIL), which was granted status in the special category by the Board at the first part of its twelfth session, was now the *European Apparel and Textile Organisation (EURATEX)* incorporating the European Largest Textile and Apparel Companies (ELTAC) and the European Clothing Association (ECLA); the Miners' International Federation (MIF), which was granted status in the special category by the Board at its thirteenth session, had merged with the International Federation of Chemical, Energy and General Workers' Unions (ICEF) and was now the *International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM)*; the European Association for the Trade in Jute Projects (EATJP), which was granted status in the special category by the Board at the first part of its tenth session, was now the *European Association for the Trade in Jute and Related Products (EAJP)*; the Association of West European Shipbuilders, which was granted status in the special category at the first part of the thirty-fourth session of the Board, had changed its name to *Association of European Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers*, retaining the acronym AWES.

Furthermore, under the same agenda item, the Board took note that the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1996/31 entitled "Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations". [This resolution updated the arrangements on consultative relations with NGOs set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1296(XLIV) of 23 May 1968. The arrangements for the participation of NGOs in the activities of UNCTAD are contained in Board decision 43(VII) of 20 September 1968.] In the light of the recent Economic and Social Council resolution, the Board took note of the secretariat's proposal to review these arrangements and to report to an Executive session of the Board.

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Adoption of the report on credentials [1 (c)]

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the forty-third session (TD/B/43/10).

Provisional agenda for the second part of the forty-fourth session of the Board [1 (d)]

With regard to the provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Board, the Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to draw up the draft provisional agenda in the course of this year and to present it to the Bureau. This draft would then be submitted to the next executive session of the Board, in the first quarter of 1997, for approval.

Segment for high-level participation; substantive policy item: Foreign direct investment and development in a globalizing world economy [2]

A transcript of the closing remarks by the Honourable Alec Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa and President of UNCTAD IX, who had presided over the Segment for High-Level participation, was circulated to the Board in document TD/B/43/11. The Board agreed that this transcript be incorporated in the final report of the Board on its current session.

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Rethinking development strategies; some lessons from East Asian development experience [3]

The Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions, with a number of amendments, in TD/B/43/L.5.

The Board also took note of the President's summary in TD/B/43/L.4 and decided that it should be incorporated in the report of the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asian Group), Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), the Russian Federation and Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries).

Report of Sessional Committee I

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran).

Under item 4 (on the Least Developed Countries), the Board adopted draft agreed conclusions in TD/B/43/SC.1/L.2 and took note of the Chairman's summary in TD/B/43/SC.1/L.3. Under item 5 (on the New Agenda for Africa), the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions in TD/B/43/SC.1/L.4. The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in TD/B/43/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1 and 2 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-third session.

Report of Sessional Committee II

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Markus Kummer (Switzerland).

Under item 6 (Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD), the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions and took note of the Chairman's summary in TD/B/43/SC.2/L.2. Under item 7 (b) (Improving the participation of developing countries' experts in UNCTAD meetings, including the question of financing their participation), the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions in TD/B/43/SC.2/L.4 and took note that the statement by the representative of the United States would be annexed to that document.

Under agenda item 10 on the UNCTAD's publication policy, the Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions and took note of the Chairman's summary in TD/B/43/SC.2/L.3. On the issue of coordination and cooperation between UNCTAD and relevant international organizations which was also a part of item 10, the Board took note of the oral report of the Chairman of Sessional Committee II and decided that the secretariat circulate a document on the issue at a future consultation of the Bureau of the Board and requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to place it on the agenda of the executive session of the Board.

With regard to agenda item 7 (a) (Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on preparations for a meeting with actors in development), the Board decided to postpone the consideration of this item to the next regular session of the Board, following recommendation of the Bureau.

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II in TD/B/43/SC.2/L.1 and Add. 1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the Board's report on its forty-third session.

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters [9]

(a) Review of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX)

In the light of changes in the membership of the Conference, the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) were reviewed at the ninth session of the Conference. The Conference authorized the Trade and Development Board to consult further on the placement of those States which had not yet indicated their preferences for inclusion or adjustment in any of the Lists. Following communications sent to those member States which were not included into any of the lists, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD was informed by Lithuania that it wished to be placed in List D. The Board took note of Lithuania for placement in List D of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX).

Furthermore, the Board took note of a request for adjustment by Hungary from List D to List B. In this regard, the President informed the Board that consultations were currently in progress on this matter, the results of which would be reported to the Board at a future executive or regular session.

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1996 and took note, for planning purposes, of the draft indicative calendar of meetings for 1997, as contained in TD/B/43/CRP.2. The Board authorized the Bureau to make any necessary adjustments in the light of developments.

(e) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that no financial or administrative implications had arisen from the work of the current session.

Adoption of the report of the Board on its forty-third session [9]

The Rapporteur, Mrs. Violetta Fonseca de Sanabria (Venezuela), introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report in TD/B/43/L.2 and Add. 1 and 3 and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report, as appropriate.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

Closing statements

A closing statement was made by the representative of Morocco (on behalf of the African Group).

Having made a few concluding remarks, the President declared the forty-third session of the Board closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]****OPENING FOR SIGNATURE**

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

On Monday, 28 October 1996, at 11 a.m., a ceremony which will mark the opening for signature of the Agreement, will take place in Conference Room 8.

Delegations intending to sign the Agreement at that time are advised to submit the appropriate full powers in time, preferably in advance of the ceremony to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, (room S-3200, telefax: 963-3693).

International Sugar Agreement, 1992, concluded at Geneva on 20 March 1992

*Provisional application: Philippines (23 October 1996)**

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Entry into force of the Agreement: 1 January 1997, in accordance with article 41 (3) of the Agreement.

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**World Food Day**

A special ceremony to mark World Food Day 1996 under the theme "Fighting Hunger and Malnutrition" will be held on Friday, 25 October 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by H.E. Razali Ismail, President of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Kacou Gervais, President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Dr. Ivan L. Head, Professor of Law and Chair in South-North Studies (University of British Columbia) and former President of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Canada) as the Keynote Speaker.